including enhanced intelligence sharing, strengthening of border management, augmenting the capabilities of police and security forces by providing advanced/sophisticated weapons, communication systems and training, reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure (SRE), assitance in training of State Police Forces and through various development schemes. The Government has also established bilateral and multilateral mechanisms to address the external imperatives of terrorism.

Foreign tourists abandoning their babies after birth

3914. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that instances have come to notice that some foreign tourists live in India on tourist visa, give birth to babies and go back abandoning children in this country;

(b) if so, the number of such children at present and whether their births are duly registered;

(c) if registered, what nationality is given to them in the record; and

(d) what is Government's stand on such children when the country is fighting hard to control growth of population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Maoist groups involved in violent riots of Orissa

†3915. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether para-millitary forces sent by Government are aware of the fact that Maoist/ Naxalite groups are involved in violent riots of Orissa;

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that a Swamiji has been ill-treated in Brahmani village in Orissa;

(c) whether it is a fact that as a result of said ill-treatment, there is a strong reaction amongst the people of scheduled tribes;

(d) wehther minotiry commission, which had gone there for investigation has visited only Kandhmal and has given its report; and

(e) whether some politicians are provoking scheduled castes people to get the facilities available to scheduled tribes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) 'Police' and 'public order' being State subjects, the responsibility for maintenance of law and order, including dealing with naxalite activities, lies primarily in the domain of the concerned State Government. It is primarily the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

responsibility of the State Government to deal with 'law and order' related problems and issues. Registration, investigation and prosecution of crime are undertaken by the State Government.

The Central Government also maintains a close watch on the situation and supplements the efforts and resources of the State Governments by various means.

The Central Paramilitary forces provided to the State Governments work under the command and control of the concerned State Governemnt and are intended to augment the strength and capabilities of the existing State Police.

A team of the National Commission for Minorities visited Orissa from 6 to 8 January 2008. The team stayed in Bhubaneshwar and visited Phulbani in Kandhamal district. The Commission has sent its report to the State Government of Orissa and to the Ministry of Home Affairs for necessary action. The Commission, in its report, has mentioned that several factors converged to create tension and violence between 24th December 2007 and 27th December 2007, including, *inter alia*, the simmoring Kondh-Pana conflict and the anti-conversion campaigns by some organisations.

Trans-border smuggling in Rajasthan

3916. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that trans-border smuggling in Rajasthan has increased in the past few months and the various intelligence/security agencies have failed to check such rising trend;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the local police stations in the border areas of Rajasthan are giving protection to such smugglers; and

(d) if so, the strategies to be adopted by Government to put a firm check on the trans-border smuggling in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) As per the information available, trans-border smuggling has not increased in the past few months in Rajasthan and no rising trend in such smuggling has been observed.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

The following measures have, *Inter-alia*, been taken to prevent trans-border smuggling, and to keep a strict vigil at the international border in Rajasthan:—

(i) Effective domination of the border through round the clock surveiliance.

(ii) Erection of fencing and floodlighting along the International Border.

(iii) Construction of border roads to facilitate border patrolling.

(iv) Introduction of modern and high tech survelliance equipments.

(v) Upgradation of intelligence network and coordination with all concerned agencies.